# A Caveat against Generall Indempnity.

OR,

*Reaſons why the Patentee Commiſſioners and Farmers of* Beer *and* Ale, &c. *Within the Cities of* London *and* Weſtminſter, &c. *and the Subcommiſſioners and Farmers of* Beer *and* Ale, *in the ſeverall Counties of* England, Scotland, *and* Ireland, *ſhould not be comprehended in the generall Act of Indempnity and Oblivion, humbly offered to the High and Honourable Court of* PARLIAMENT.

1. BEcauſe it will not ſtand with Parliamentary Juſtice, to grant them Indempnity, &c. before the Petition of the Maſter and Wardens of the Company of Brewers of *London*; (now lying before this Honourable Parliament) be read, and in that, the cauſe of all the Brewers, Inkeepers, and Victuallers within theſe Nations be heard, *qui ſtatuit aliquid, parte in auditâ alterâ, æquum licet ſtatuerit, haud æquus fuerit.*

2. Becauſe the Farmers theſe two years laſt paſt, have under the pretence of advancing the late Protectors Revenues; robbed the good people of this Nation of above one Million of pounds Sterling, of which they have not paid above one moyety into the publick treaſury, ſo that by this generall Act of Oblivion: The Common-wealth will loſe neer 300000l Sterling, whereby the burthens will lye the heavier upon thoſe who have been impoveriſhed by bearing of them already.

3. Becauſe by the oppreſſions, rapines, and cruelties of theſe Farmers; (as was lately made appear before a Committee of the late Parliament ſo called; whereof M. *Scott*, was Chair-man, and ſeverall other perſons of worth and honour, of this honourable Parliament were members) moſt of the Brewers have been impoveriſhed, ſome utterly ruined, and others enforced to give over their trade; So that it did appear to moſt of the members of that Committee, that the tender mercies of theſe wicked men were cruell. How then can ſuch men be capable of an Act of grace, mercy, and Indempnity, when as the Scripture ſaith, *Jam.* 2. 13. *He ſhall have judgement without mercy, that hath ſhewed no mercy.*

4. Becauſe theſe men, having gained very great Eſtates by the ruines of others, ought to make reſtitution to thoſe poor people whom they have robbed of 200000l by their wicked and unjuſt Gage. And by their returning of ſmall Beer for ſtrong, and by Gaging worts boiling in the Copper, and hot in the Backs, the which they are not obliged to do, if they are comprehended in the generall Act of Indempnity and Oblivion. So that your ſelves likewiſe wil be acceſſary to the peoples ruine, and be partakers of theſe men ſins, and Act contrary to the command of God, *Iſai.* 1. 17. *Learn to do well, ſeek judgement, relieve or righten the oppreſſed, judge therfatherleſs, plead for the widow.*

5. Becauſe to grant theſe men an Act of Indempnity and Oblivion, is not to aſſert the Good Old Cauſe; One part of which is to bring Capitall Delinquents, to condign puniſhment, and to vindicate the liberties and properties of the people: againſt all arbitrarineſs, oppreſſion, and tyranny of any ſingle perſon whatſoever. Their Court, Paraſits, Agents, or Inſtruments.

*Dabit Deus his quoque Finem.*

Pſal. 12. 5. *For the Oppreſſion of the poor, for the ſighing of the needy: Now will I ariſe ſaith the Lord, I will ſet him in ſafety from him that would enſnare him.*